

GOOD CITIZENSHIP

Is Set Forth from Viewpoint of Ex-President Cleveland.

MAKES BANQUET SPEECH

Dirty Politics and Perverted Patriotism Tensely Handled and Remedy Suggested—Enthusiastic Reception.

"Give to our people something that will concentrate their common affection and solicitous care, and let that be the country's good; give them a purpose that stimulates them to unite in lofty endeavor, and let that purpose be a demonstration of the efficiency and beneficence of our popular rule."

This was the salient offering by former President Grover Cleveland, as a remedy for corrupt politics, in a speech before the members of the Commercial Club of Chicago at their annual banquet given Wednesday night.

He received an enthusiastic reception by the two hundred banqueters when he appeared at the speaker's table.

Mr. Cleveland took as his topic, "Good Citizenship," prefacing his remarks by saying that he understood himself to be under bond "to keep the peace, if possible, by eschewing politics." He likened the too prevalent indifference of citizens to their political duties to the disposition often manifested by the members of our churches, who, "having made profession of their faith and joined the church, appear to think their duty done when they live honestly, attend worship regularly, and contribute liberally to church support."

Of the odious and detestable evils that are threatening our national life—the open and notorious corruption of the suffrage, the buying and selling of political places for money, the purchase of political favors and privileges, and the traffic in official duty for personal gain—Mr. Cleveland spoke at some length, saying in part:

"These things are confessedly common. Every intelligent man knows that they have grown from small beginnings until they have reached frightful proportions of malevolence; and yet respectable citizens by the thousands and hundreds of thousands have looked on with perfect calmness, and with hypocritical calm have declared they are not politicians, or with silly pretensions of faith in our strength and luck, have languidly claimed that the country was prosperous, equal to any emergency, and proof against all danger."

"Resulting from these conditions in a manner not difficult to trace, whole some national sentiment is threatened with utter perversion."

In touching upon the relations of labor and capital, he said:

"We now see its worst manifestation in the apparently incorrigible disposition of the proper relation between labor and capital. This of itself is sufficiently distressing; but thoughtful men are not without dread of sadder developments yet to come. There has also grown up among our people a disregard for the restraints of law, and a disposition to evade its limitations, while querulous strictures concerning the action of our courts tend to undermine popular faith in the course of justice; and last, but by no means least, complaints of imaginary or exaggerated shortcomings in our financial policies, furnish an excuse for the rampant exploitation of all sorts of monetary nostrums."

"I hasten to give assurance that I have not spoken in a spirit of gloomy pessimism. I shall be the last of all our people to believe that the saving grace of patriotism among my countrymen is dead or will always sleep. I know that its timely revival and activity means the realization of the loftiest hopes of a free nation."

Good Men Must Arouse.

"It is as clear as noonday that if the patriotism of our people is to be aggressively vigorous and equal to our national preservation, and if politics is to subserve a high purpose instead of degenerating to the level of a cunning game, our good men, in every walk of life must arouse themselves to consciousness that the safety and best interests of their country involve every other interest; and that by service in the field of good citizenship they not only do patriotic duty, but in a direct way save for themselves the share of benefits due them from our free institutions."

Slayer of Boy Lynched.

Walter Jackson, the convicted murderer of Fanny Buck, a 6-year-old boy, was taken from jail at Hamilton, Mont., Tuesday night by a mob and lynched.

CRUISER IS FOR SALE.

Sheriff Gives Notice that the Chattanooga Will Go on Block. Notice was posted at Elizabeth, N. J., Wednesday by the sheriff for the sale of the cruiser Chattanooga, which has been in process of construction at the Crescent shipyard.

Authority to sell comes from Special Master Miller, under a claim made by the Babcock & Wilcox Company, of Newark, N. J., for pay for boilers.

SHERMAN STATUE UNVEILED.

Ceremonies Impressive and Eulogistic Address Made by Roosevelt. With impressive ceremonies and an address by President Roosevelt, an equestrian statue of William Tecumseh Sherman was unveiled at Washington Thursday afternoon in the presence of official Washington, the president at its head, and thousands of veterans, members of the societies of the armies of the Tennessee, the Cumberland, the Ohio and the Potomac.

HAYWOOD GOES FREE.

Jury in Raleigh, N. C., Acquits Slayer of Skinner After Only Brief Deliberation.

A special from Raleigh, N. C., says: The jury in the trial of Ernest Haywood for the killing of Ludlow Skinner in front of the postoffice February 21st last, retired at 12:30 Wednesday afternoon and in 15 minutes returned a verdict of not guilty, entirely acquitting the defendant.

Judge Peoples thanked the jury for their patient work and said that their verdict was exactly in accordance with the evidence and they could not have done otherwise. Deputies were placed throughout the courtroom to prevent any demonstration. Mr. Haywood shook hands with counsel and each juror.

Judge Peoples's charge consumed an hour. He reminded the jury that the security of their homes and suppression of anarchy did not depend on this verdict as a counsel had intimated, neither should they pay any attention to attacks made on methods of prosecution.

He declared Senator Gilliam, for the state, said a great black cloud was back of Haywood's actions, arguing that it showed malice. The judge told the jury there was no evidence of malice or ill feeling, and if Mr. Gilliam knew of any black cloud he should have brought the evidence out.

Judge Peoples said it made no difference if Skinner was retreating when shot, if he had his hand on his hip in a way to give defendant a reasonable apprehension of real or apparent danger, it made no difference which shot killed him, for there was not a sufficient cooling time between the shots for the defendant to free his mind from a sense of danger. If jury believed, however, that Haywood shot Skinner because he struck him and not because he considered himself in peril, then he was guilty of manslaughter.

The trial consumed exactly two weeks. One day was spent in getting a jury, five days in taking evidence and five and one-half days in argument. Twelve speeches were made, consuming 31 hours.

CITY OF ATLANTA LOSES SUIT.

Sought to Have Comptroller Make Special Assessments on Railroads. Judge Lumpkin, in the first division of the Fulton county superior court, at Atlanta, Ga., Wednesday afternoon sustained the demurrer of Comptroller General William A. Wright and refused the mandamus sued for by the city of Atlanta to compel him to assess railroad property in municipalities upon a different basis from that now followed by him in the performance of this duty. The decision of the superior court judge is a distinct victory for Attorney General Hart and Comptroller General Wright, being equally as big a loss to the city of Atlanta, as the sum of money was involved in the matter.

In his demurrer the comptroller general set forth that there was no law on the statute books of Georgia to allow him to adopt a different system for assessing railroad property within a city.

It has been and is now the custom of the roads to return a mile of track in the wild lands for equally as much as they return a mile in cities and towns, when, as a matter of fact, the mile within the municipality is worth several times as much. The city wished to have this state of affairs changed, and the mandamus was the result.

The only recourse the city of Atlanta has is to have the law changed by the next legislature.

SCHWAB BRANDED "WRECKER."

Dresser Accuses Him of Scuttling the Shipbuilding Trust.

The inquiry before a referee into the affairs of the stranded shipbuilding combination was resumed at New York Wednesday.

During the hearing, D. Leroy Dresser, late president of the Trust Company of the Republic, asserted that the shipbuilding company had been wrecked because Mr. Schwab had withheld the profits of the Bethlehem company.

JUDGE PAYS INCOME TAX.

In Test Case, Court Decides that He Must Pay on His Salary.

The North Carolina supreme court at Raleigh, Thursday, decided that Judge Purnell, of the United States district court, must pay the income tax on his salary. This is a test case.

The superior court decided that this income was liable to the tax. The tax was assessed by the state tax commission, and the suit was brought on an appeal by Judge Purnell. Up to this date, no federal officers have paid the tax on the income derived from their salary.

CHILDREN PLAY "HOOKEY."

Five Thousand in Topeka Will be Forced to Attend City Schools.

The truancy officer of Topeka, Kan., has notified the city superintendent that there are 5,000 children of school age that are not attending the city schools as required. A list is in the hands of the officers, and the parents of the children who play "hookey" will be fined according to the laws.

COSTLY BLAZE IN BUFORD.

Georgia Town Suffers Destruction of Its Principal Business Section.

Fire, which originated in a beef market early Wednesday morning, swept the principal business portion of Buford, Ga., destroying nine buildings and entailing an estimated loss of from \$50,000 to \$60,000, with only partial insurance. The buildings burned included the Bank of Buford, and the city postoffice.

TILLMAN FREE MAN

Verdict of Not Guilty in Case of Gonzales' Slayer.

JURY OUT TWENTY HOURS

Cheers Greeted Announcement of Verdict—Tillman Thanks Judge, Shakes Hands of Jurors and Makes Statement.

After being out twenty hours, the jury in the case of J. H. Tillman at Lexington, S. C., found him not guilty. The jury announced at 10:45 Thursday morning that a verdict had been agreed upon.

The defendant and attorneys were sent for, and the jury then filed into the court room and the verdict was read.

A demonstration followed the announcement, friends of the defendant giving vent to their feelings in a shout. The court, previous to the reading of the verdict, had admonished the spectators to refrain from any demonstration.

The counsel for the defense at once moved the defendant's discharge from the sheriff's custody. No objections being made by the state, the court made the order.

The defendant shook hands with the judge and members of the jury and left the courtroom, accompanied by his friends and counsel. The trial occupied eighteen days.

How Jury Reached Verdict.

Soon after the jury retired a ballot was taken, the result being ten to two for acquittal. After some deliberation one of the two went over to the side of the acquittal, but it was not until 20 minutes before the jury sent word to the court Thursday morning that an agreement had been reached that the twelfth man yielded.

Very few of the jurors got any sleep during the night. The long delay caused apprehension that a mistrial would result. The jury could not have stayed out beyond Saturday midnight. The count in the indictment charging the carrying of concealed weapons was lost sight of in the trial and was not considered.

The wife and mother of the defendant, who have attended the trial daily, were not in the courtroom when the verdict was announced, but the latter was on her way to the court. She had just heard the news, when her son walked out and met her on the street. His wife awaited him at the hotel, having been informed of the verdict in advance of his coming.

Senator Tillman was not present, having returned to his home Wednesday, where his wife is recovering from injuries received in a runaway accident. A telegram was sent him immediately after the verdict was announced.

Tillman Is Grateful.

James H. Tillman, after his acquittal, made the following statement to the Associated Press:

"I feel very grateful at the result of the verdict, but at no time did I apprehend any serious consequences. I, of course, deeply regret the death of Mr. Gonzales, but I was forced to do what I did. I have never apprehended a conviction for I felt that I did no more than any man would have done under the same circumstances, and what I was compelled to do. My position was fully stated in the testimony I gave on the stand."

"I did ask for a change of venue, because I was convinced on account of prejudice in Richland county that I could not get a fair and impartial trial in that county. I felt sure that as soon as my case could be presented to impartial jury I would be vindicated. The verdict has justified the correctness of my judgment. Lexington county was selected by the prosecution. Its people are law-abiding and have long been noted for correctness of their verdicts and have been praised by the press."

BRYAN CONTROLS THE CASH.

Nebraska Is Made Trustee of Large Amount by Bennett Will.

William J. Bryan appeared in the probate court at New Haven, Conn., Monday, and as executor filed for probating the will of the late Philo S. Bennett. The will disposes of an estate worth approximately \$253,000. Among the public bequests the will provides that \$10,000 be divided among twenty-five colleges or universities by William J. Bryan and \$10,000 is given to Mr. Bryan to aid needy students, while a similar amount is to be distributed by Mrs. Bryan among deserving students in female colleges.

TAMMANY'S FOE PLACATED.

Greater New York Democracy Withdraws Support from Fusion Ticket.

The Greater New York democracy of Staten Island has decided to withdraw its support from the fusion ticket and endorse the regular democratic nominees. The organization opposed Tammany two years ago and its members worked and voted for the fusion candidates.

SHIP WEATHERED HURRICANE.

Steamer Commanche Was in Worst of Storm Off Virginia Coast.

The Clyde steamship Commanche, Captain Platt, arrived at Jacksonville, Fla., from New York Monday night after a fearful battle with the hurricane off the Virginia coast, being for eighteen hours in the midst of the storm.

The wind was seventy-five miles an hour and the good ship was in the worst of it.

BIG MONEY FOR CONVICTS

State of Georgia Will Receive \$250,000 Net for Hire of Felons—Awards Made by Commission.

Awards of the labor of 1,500 felony convicts made Thursday by the state prison commission show that Georgia will receive net for that number of convicts during the five years beginning April, 1904, at least \$250,000 a year, possibly a good deal more.

This is in decided contrast to the results of the present contracts under which the net revenue to the state for the labor of more than 2,100 convicts is less than \$90,000. In other words, the state will receive nearly three times as much under the new contracts, for one-third less convicts.

The maximum bid was \$252 a year each for fifty men, while \$230 was the lowest figure at which the labor of any of the convicts will go at this time.

For the 1,500 convicts the state will receive a total of \$338,119, an average price of \$225.14 a year each. The expenses of conducting the system with nearly 700 convicts on the public roads at the expense of the counties using them, will fall considerably below \$700,000. It is evident, therefore, that the net results will be nearly, if not quite, \$250,000.

With thirty-one counties taking their convicts to work on the public roads, this \$250,000 will be divided among the remaining 106 counties in proportion to school population, and each county may use its pro rata, in accordance with the recommendation of the grand jury, either for school purposes or in public road improvements.

The prices bid were indeed surprising. It was generally agreed that they would go over \$200, but it was not believed it would be above \$210 or \$215 at the outside.

Following is a list of the successful bidders, with the number of men bid for, the price, the location of the camp and the employment at which they will be put:

Durham Coal and Coke Company, coal mining at Pittsburg, Walker county, 50 at \$252; 50 at \$240, and 50 at \$228.

Flowers Bros. Lumber Company, sawmilling, Early county, 100 men at \$240.

Lookout Mountain Coal and Coke Company, J. W. English, Jr., president, coal mining, Walker county, 100 men at \$223.25.

Chattahoochee Brick Co., Chattanooga, Ga., J. W. English, president, 175 men at \$221.25.

Cruger & Pace, Albany, brick makers, 75 men at \$221.50.

North Georgia Iron and Coal Co., coal mining, Walker county, 50 men at \$225.

E. J. McRae, Lowndes county, general farming and saw milling, 100 men at \$220.75.

W. E. James, saw milling, Berrien county, 50 men at \$220.

J. Leo, Esmen Lumber camp, Wayne county, 50 men at \$220.50.

W. B. Hanby and W. M. Toomer, lumber camp, Ware county, 500 men at \$221.25.

E. E. Foy Lumber Co., Edgemoor county, 50 men at \$221.

Dr. J. B. S. Holmes, farming and saw milling, Lowndes county, 50 men at \$220.75.

The foregoing thirteen contractors will take 1,500 men whose labor will bring into the state annually, as stated, \$338,119, an average of \$225.14 a year per man. The average price under the present contracts is \$100.

There were eight of the old contractors, some of whom have been working convicts for years, whose low bids eliminated them from the awards. Of these the largest was G. S. Baxter & Co., who employ 400 convicts at Fargo, in Clinch county, in lumber and turpentine camps. They put in a bid for 400 men at \$200 each.

Peace Negotiations Progressing.

A Tokio dispatch to The London Times, under date of Thursday, says the Russo-Japanese negotiations are progressing there, and there is no reason at present to apprehend any but a peaceful issue.

MAGNATES OF THE SOUTHERN

Royally Entertained by Governor of Georgia and Citizens of Atlanta.

President Samuel Spencer and the board of directors of the Southern railway were welcomed to Georgia and Atlanta Thursday by Governor J. M. Terrell, Mayor Evan P. Howell, members of the Atlanta chamber of commerce and other prominent citizens. The capitalists were kept busy from the time they awoke in the morning until their special train left the union passenger station in the afternoon for Birmingham.

FLORIDA EX-GOVERNOR DEAD.

Hon. Henry L. Mitchell Passes Away at His Home in Tampa.

Ex-Governor Henry L. Mitchell, of Florida, died at his home in Tampa last Wednesday of general debility. He was 69 years old, and his health had been failing a year. He was circuit judge from 1877 to 1888 and from 1888 to 1890 was justice of the supreme court of the state. He was governor from 1893 to 1897.

ROBBERS LOOT ILLINOIS BANK.

With Guns Citizens Were Held at Bay While Work Was Accomplished.

Four men drove into Berwick, Ill., early Wednesday, entered the Farmers' State bank, forced the combination of the safe and secured \$2,800. The explosion awakened a number of the residents of the town, who appeared on the scene only to be compelled by the robbers to keep away until they had loaded their booty into a buggy and decamped.

AFTER GAY TOMMY PLATT

Washington Woman Seeks to Stop Wedding of Aged Senator—Breach of Promise Alleged.

Miss Mae C. Wood, a clerk in the money order division of the postoffice department, left Washington for New York last Friday, accompanied by an attorney, with the avowed intention of preventing the marriage of Senator Thomas C. Platt to Mrs. Lillian T. Janeway, which it was announced would take place Thursday.

The department clerk, it is asserted by her friends, expected that the senator would marry, but that she herself would occupy the place which the senator has announced will be filled by the handsome Washington widow. Now, says a Washington dispatch, Miss Wood intends either to prevent the wedding or to start a suit for damages, based on breach of promise to wed.

According to the story which the postoffice clerk told, she has been receiving attentions from the senator for the past two years—ever since she was appointed to a position in the department through his influence. She has been in constant communication with him and exhibited many letters signed by him which testified with ardent affection and frequently mentioned the approaching nuptials. It was understood that their wedding was to take place early this winter.

According to the report of the woman she received a letter from the senator last summer reaffirming his love and including check for \$1,000. He told her to take a trip to Europe and prepare herself to be the wife of a senator of the United States. The tour of Europe was made, and when she returned last week she read in the newspapers that the senator had announced his engagement to Mrs. Janeway. She straightway conferred with legal advisers and the trip to New York was made upon their advice.

It has been well known in Washington that Senator Platt's sons have opposed his marriage, and it is hinted that they are working with Miss Wood to prevent it. Miss Wood is highly educated, having received degrees in law, doctor of medicine and doctor of diplomacy. She is an orphan and was appointed from New York.

VETS HONOR SCHOOL GIRL.

Young Miss Galt Invited to Attend Georgia Confederate Reunion.

By a unanimous vote and amid great enthusiasm, Camp 435, at Augusta, Ga., at its regular meeting Monday night, extended an invitation to Miss Louise Talbert Galt to visit the Georgia state reunion to be held in August, November 10, 11 and 12, as the honored guest and at the expense of the camp.

It will be remembered that Miss Galt is the young school girl of Louisville, Ky., who refused to sing the song, "Marching Through Georgia," when commanded to do so by a teacher of the public schools of her home. The fact was heralded extensively through the newspapers of the country and brought her into great prominence.

SPOTS COVER THE SUN.

Group of Nine Large Spotsches Are Easily Seen by the Naked Eye.

Tuesday the United States naval observatory at Washington made observations of the extraordinary group of solar spots now visible on the sun, the largest group discovered in the last decade.

The group consists of about nine spots in all and now shows indications of condensing into two principal spots or groups somewhat separated. Monday the total length of the disturbed region was 172,000 miles, with a width of about 59,000 miles. The aggregate length of the principal spots is 123,000 miles. The group was easily seen by the naked eye at the naval observatory by several of the astronomers, and ought to be a conspicuous object for several days.

INDIANS IN FATAL BRAWL.

Bad Liquor Results in Massacre and Seven are Killed.

A special from Browning, Mont., says: Seven people have been killed and two wounded during a drunken row on the Black Foot Indian reservation in Montana. The dead are: Wake-Up-Last, wife and three children; Mrs. Susan Bigroad, Mrs. Little.

A number of Indians secured a quantity of whiskey Sunday night and started on a big spree. In some manner Wake-Up-Last became engaged in a row with the rest of the party with the result stated.

ELIMINATES MIDDLE MAN.

Farmers' Trust Will Do Business Legally in State of Nebraska.

The Farmers' Co-operative Shipping Association, commonly called the farmers' trust, has legally entered the state of Nebraska, having received its incorporation. The paid up capital stock is \$600,000, and the purpose of the association is to handle grain and live stock and to eliminate the middlemen.

NEGRO DEMOCRAT KILLED.

Shot to Death in a Quarrel by West Indian Black in New York.

During a quarrel Caleb A. Simms, one of the best known colored men in New York, and leader of the united colored democracy of Greater New York, was shot and killed Thursday night in the club house of the colored democracy by Alma Padro, a West Indian negro, who is chairman of the house committee of the club.

Cream of News.

Brief Summary of Most Important Events of Each Day.

—The jury in the case of Ernest Haywood, charged with the murder of Ludlow Skinner, at Raleigh, N. C., returned a verdict of not guilty.

—Former Governor Mitchell, of Florida, died at Tampa Wednesday.

—John G. Winters has been appointed judge of Alabama's new judicial circuit.

—Booker Washington, who has just returned from a vacation in Europe, finds the poorer classes here have better opportunities than similar classes abroad.

—Negro voters in Ohio threaten to bolt the republican ticket, and Register of the Treasury Jason Lyons has been called on to hold them in line.

—At the hearing before the referee in New York, Wednesday, in regard to the stranded shipbuilding trust, Leroy Dresser swore that Schwab, former president of the steel trust, was responsible for the wreck of the concern.

—At Hamilton, Mont., Walter Jackson, the convicted murderer of a 6-year-old boy, was taken from jail and lynched. The mob acted because Jackson's lawyer had appealed the case.

—"Elijah" Dowie, at the head of 3,000 crusaders, left Chicago Wednesday for an invasion of New York. Eight special trains were required to carry the crusaders.

—United States Senator Platt, the "easy boss" of New York, says that the charge made by Miss Mae Wood that an engagement existed between them is absurd.

—Former President Cleveland addressed the Commercial Club of Chicago Wednesday night on "Good Citizenship."

—At Elizabeth, N. J., notice has been posted by the sheriff for the sale of the cruiser Chattanooga.

—It is reported that one of President Castro's vessels has seized a British ship.

—The bill authorizing the president of Colombia to negotiate a new canal treaty has been submitted to the senate at Bogota.

—There were no developments Wednesday in the Far Eastern situation. There seems to be no doubt that Russia and Japan will reach an amicable agreement.

—Representatives of France and Great Britain have signed the arbitration treaty.

—Two soldiers stationed at Fort Morgan, Mobile, were drowned while on their way to Fort Gaines, Fla. The yacht in which they were traveling overturned.

—Miss Mae Wood, a clerk in the postal department at Washington, alleges that she has been jilted by aged Senator Platt, of New York, and will take steps to prevent his wedding to Mrs. Janeway.

—It is charged that there have been wholesale violations of the naturalization laws. President Roosevelt, it is said, will ask congress to put naturalization in control of the federal government.

—D. V. Miller, formerly assistant attorney general for the postal department, is on trial at Cincinnati on the charge of accepting a bribe while in government service.

—Though the opening of the state fair at Macon, Ga., is still some days off, the fair grounds are now complete and ready for the reception of visitors.

—A son of former Governor Ellerbe, of South Carolina, is preaching daily on the streets of Chicago.

—It is reported that Nicaragua and Guatemala are preparing to declare war against Honduras and Salvador.

—An attempt was made to wreck train No. 1, on the Norfolk division of the Southern railway Sunday afternoon by persons who piled crossties and a fish plate on the track. The engineer saw the obstruction in time to stop his train.

—Judge John H. Reagan, postmaster general of the Confederacy, and the only surviving member of the cabinet, declares in an interview that the American republic is doomed and that he wishes Texas to remain intact that it may once more become the republic of Texas.

—The northeast gale off the Virginia coast ceased Sunday, but evidence of destruction are found on every hand. Two bodies have been washed ashore below Norfolk, while the shore is strewn with wreckage for miles.

—Richard Henry Savage, author and soldier, died in New York, Sunday, from injuries received by a wagon running over him.

—A raid was made on the Chinese quarter of Boston Sunday and about three hundred celestials arrested. The murder of a Chinese about a week ago by highlanders, was the cause of the wholesale arrests.

—In an address on mob law, Justice Bischoff, of the New York supreme court, stated that the best friend of the negro is the south.

—Railroad passenger agents will hold annual convention at New Orleans this week.

—Camp Young, at West Point, Ky., was broken Sunday. The cost to the government for the maneuvers is about \$320,000.

—The New Orleans screwmen strike was closed Sunday, when an agreement was reached. The small ship lines deserted their allies and forced the acceptance of the screwmen's proposition.

—Flood at Paterson, N. J., causes several buildings to collapse and it is estimated the damage will be greater than that done by the fire some time ago at that place.